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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF P.J. PATTERSON'S PRODUCTION
DEBATE, JUNE 17.

REFS: (A) KINGSTON 2739; (B) KINGSTON A-109 OF JUNE 23,
1975; (C) KINGSTON A-108 OF JUNE 19, 1975; (D) KINGSTON A-80
OF MAY 16, 1975; (E) KINGSTON A-67 OF MAY 1, 1975;
(F) KINGSTON A-55 OF APRIL 14, 1975; (G) KINGSTON 1989;
(H) KINGSTON 2135; (I) KINGSTON 2087; (J) KINGSTON 2265

1. P.J. PATTERSON, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM, AND
FOREIGN TRADE, ANNOUNCED IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT
GOJ WILL LAUNCH A "MASSIVE NATIONAL PRODUCTION CAMPAIGN
SPEARHEADED BY PRODUCTIVITY CENTER OF JAMAICA INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION" AIMED AT CREATING PUBLIC
AWARENESS OF NEED TO INCREASE PRODUCTION, STIMULATING
AND GENERATING INCREASED PRODUCTION IN MANUFACTURING
AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS, PROVIDING THE NECESSARY TOOLS
AND TECHNIQUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:
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TO COORDINATE ALL EFFORTS IN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.

ITS EFFORTS COULD BE DIRECTED TO SPECIALLY FINISHED GOODS TO BE SOLD ON SPECIALIZED MARKETS AT PREMIUM PRICES AS WELL AS PRE-PROCESSING PLANTS TO SERVE AS AN INTERMEDIARY POINT BETWEEN COLLECTION OF RAW MATERIALS AND CENTRAL FACTORY WHERE FINAL PROCESSING AND PACKAGING WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROGRAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OVER NEXT THREE YEARS TO BE PRESENTED AS A GREEN PAPER. DOCUMENT WILL SPELL OUT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. GOJ OBJECTIVES WILL BE FULLER USE OF INDIGENOUS RAW MATERIALS, ENCOURAGING OPERATIONS ALLOWING GREATER LOCAL VALUE ADDED AND OPPORTUNITY TO USE INTERMEDIATE GOODS LOCALLY PRODUCED RATHER THAN IMPORTS. INCLUDED IN STRATEGY WILL BE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO SELL MANUFACTURED GOODS IN EXTRA-REGIONAL MARKETS, SUCH AS CREATED BY LOME CONVENTION. PATTERSON POINTED OUT THAT PRIVATE SECTOR, WHICH HAD

CONSIDERABLE FINANCE AND HIGH LEVEL MANPOWER, WOULD BE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN PAPER. PAPER IS TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN BASE METALS AND METAL PRODUCTS, ALUMINUM FABRICATION, NON-METALLIC PRODUCTS, CEMENT, MACHINERY, TOOLS AND DIES, LOCAL PROCESSING OF AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES.

4. GREEN PAPER ON TOURIST DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE TABLED (REF F).

5. VOLKSWAGEN PLANT IN JAMAICA NOW SHELVED (REF B).

6. PATTERSON EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH JAMAICA'S DETERIORATING BALANCE OF TRADE POSITION WITH OTHER CARICOM PARTNERS (REF D). THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT SOME WERE NOT PURSUING THE STRATEGY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BASED ON MAXIMUM USE OF LOCAL MANPOWER AND INDIGENOUS RAW MATERIALS AS CLOSELY AS JAMAICA. THIS SITUATION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT CARICOM MEETING IN MONTEGO BAY IN JULY.

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7. HE ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

(A) ABATTOIR AT AMITY HALL, ST. CATHERINE (REF C).

(B) JAMAICA SOYA PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES LIMITED (REF H).

PLANT, TO BE SITED ON 10 ACRES IN FACTORY BUILDING OF OVER 80,000 SQUARE FEET, IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE VEGETABLE PROTEIN AND POSSIBLE MEAT EXTENDERS, MARGARINE AND DETERGENTS.

(C) JAMAICAN-VENEZUELAN CEMENT PLANT (REFS E AND J).

(D) THREE NEW LIGHT INDUSTRY FACTORY COMPLEXES AT MAY PEN, BELLEVUE, AND WILLIAMSFIELD, TO BE GEARED POSSIBLY TO WOODWORKING OPERATIONS OR GARMENT MANUFACTURING.

8. THE MINISTER STATED THAT ARIGUANABO TEXTILE MILLS MIGHT BREAK EVEN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1975. IN KEEPING WITH GOJ POLICY OF GREATER WORKER PARTICIPATION (REF I), THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE ARIGUANABO BOARD HAD BEEN BROADENED TO ADMIT ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM MIDDLE MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS' GROUPS. AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKER PARTICIPATION WILL BE SET UP TO PREPARE STAFF FOR MANAGEMENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN COMPANY.

9. (REF A) MR. PATTERSON SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO SECRET AGREEMENT IN JAMAICAN-IRANIAN SUGAR DEAL AND THAT ALL TRANSACTIONS HAD BEEN RECORDED.

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